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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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| IN THE MATTER OF: | : |
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| Applicant: Michael Bramson | : |
| and Alex Lopez | : Fact- |
| Date of Event: 2/7/2015 | : Finding |
| Event: Project DC Events, | : Hearing |
| LLC - Cupid's Bar Crawl | : |
| Neighborhood: Multiple | : |
| Licensed Premises | : |
| Size of Event: 2,800 to 3,500 | : |
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| (The Names of Establishments | : |
| Participating in the Pub | : |
| Crawl are Available Upon Request) | : |

January 28, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member
DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JASON PERU, ABRA Investigator

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:11 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Let me
4 see, oh, are they next? Okay. They are next,
5 they are next, they are next, yes. Okay.

6 All right. The next case on our
7 calendar is a Fact-Finding Hearing for a pub
8 crawl by Project DC Events. The date of the
9 event is February 7, 2015. It is called Cupid's
10 Bar Crawl.

11 Okay. The information I have is it's
12 multiple licensed premises and the size of the
13 event is 2,800 to 3,500. All right. So that's
14 the initial information.

15 Do you want to identify yourself for
16 the record, please?

17 MR. LOPEZ: All right. I'm Alex
18 Lopez.

19 MR. BRAMSON: I'm Michael Bramson.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good. And
21 we have our Investigator with us?

22 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Yes, Investigator

1 Jason Peru with ABRA.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Great.

3 Now, from what I understand, and I could be
4 mistaken, but I think that -- did you all request
5 this Fact-Finding Hearing?

6 MR. BRAMSON: We --

7 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. So I think it was
8 like last week some time towards the beginning we
9 got a call saying hey, we see that your
10 application says 11:00. I think the lady on the
11 phone said if we did 10:00, we didn't have to
12 come to the Fact-Finding Hearing, but we wanted
13 to come just because this is our third Cupid's
14 Bar Crawl and we have had 11:00 for the last
15 previous two. And our guests are pretty used to
16 the 11:00, 3:00 to 11:00 time, so we wanted to
17 come and talk to you guys about it.

18 So most of our events are from -- end
19 at 9:00 or 10:00.

20 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Please speak up.

21 MR. LOPEZ: So most of our events end
22 at 9:00 or 10:00.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.

2 MR. LOPEZ: But the two events that we
3 have every year, the Bright-N-Pint and the
4 Cupid's Bar Crawl for the past two years have
5 ended at 11:00. And we were just afraid that if
6 we switched the times, I mean, because people
7 would still -- we just saw a lot of confusion.
8 There would be a lot of confusion with our
9 guests. I mean, people sign-up early and in
10 advance. They are expecting until 11:00, so we
11 wanted to see what we could do to keep that time,
12 especially since we have had it for the past two
13 years.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So it's my
15 understanding that nothing else is really at
16 issue with respect to your bar crawl. We don't
17 have to get into security and all those
18 questions. Okay.

19 So it is the time being 11:00. And my
20 understanding, I know you have had a lot of ones
21 that are earlier, so we are looking at Dupont
22 Circle and I don't know if we have this on the

1 record or not, but it has been my understanding
2 from other cases and from what I have heard that
3 10:00 is a time that MPD thought was a good time
4 to end because there are certain changes in shift
5 and things that happen between 10:00 and 11:00.
6 And that that was, you know, new people coming
7 downtown for the bars and that 10:00 was a really
8 acceptable time.

9 So if you wanted to go over 10:00, we
10 wanted to hear really a compelling reason, you
11 know.

12 MR. BRAMSON: Also, I mean, because we
13 were here for the Bright-N-Pint which was in
14 September and we had the same discussion of why
15 it was increased to 11:00.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

17 MR. BRAMSON: And we concluded saying
18 if there was no incidents with that one and they
19 were kind of repeat events, we would be able to
20 keep the 11:00 time for the ones that were
21 previously 11:00. Obviously, the ones that we
22 have been doing until 9:00 or 10:00 for the last

1 two years, we are going to keep that way and we
2 prefer it that way.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.

4 MR. BRAMSON: But this is more for our
5 customers expecting it to be 11:00 and we have
6 had no incidents in the past. And we haven't
7 heard any -- we didn't hear anything from the
8 Bright-N-Pint from the MPD that anything went
9 wrong with that one and that was until 11:00.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What was that one
11 called?

12 MR. BRAMSON: Bright-N-Pint.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

14 MR. BRAMSON: You know, the neon-
15 themed one.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you remember
17 the date?

18 MR. BRAMSON: I think it was September
19 13th.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So last year you
21 had it until 11:00 you said and there were no
22 incidents?

1 MR. BRAMSON: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you know how
3 many people you had?

4 MR. LOPEZ: I think we had about
5 between 27 or 32.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

7 MR. BRAMSON: Approximately, the same
8 numbers.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It sounds like a
10 lot of people, but is it just -- how many hours
11 does it go? When is your start time?

12 MR. LOPEZ: 3:00 to 11:00.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 3:00 to 11:00,
14 okay.

15 MR. BRAMSON: And so we have noticed
16 when we have these later ones it's different.
17 Like people will come earlier and they will
18 leave. It's kind of different shifts, so people
19 aren't staying from 3:00 to 11:00, you know.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.

21 MR. BRAMSON: It's a long time, so I'm
22 sure there is a few, but the majority, they kind

1 of switch off and on. So we have people coming
2 at 6:00 and we had people coming at 3:00. So we
3 had kind of two waves.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And how many
5 blocks does it cover about?

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: I would say it's like
7 the whole radius between The Front Page towards
8 Rumors.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Right
10 Dupont Circle down to M Street.

11 MR. BRAMSON: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

13 MR. BRAMSON: This is one of our more
14 condensed ones, instead of spreading it out all
15 the way.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

17 MR. BRAMSON: So I think it's easier
18 for MPD to handle as well. I know it's usually
19 more difficult when they have to spread out
20 officers as opposed to keeping them in one area.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you check
22 with MPD on this?

1 MR. LOPEZ: Yes. So pretty much I was
2 going to, after talking to you guys, get in touch
3 with Commander Reese just to --

4 MR. BRAMSON: We always call him right
5 after this meeting.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You call him
7 after?

8 MR. BRAMSON: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All right.
10 Do others have questions? Mr. Silverstein?

11 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: We have not had,
12 as you say, a hard and fast time, but there have
13 been a number of events that have taken place in
14 2D and in the club area in recent weeks that have
15 changed things for us, one of which you probably
16 saw a gentleman here who is going to be
17 presenting something regarding helpful
18 disposition of a case where there were four
19 people stabbed.

20 There was another case where there was
21 another stabbing. I have -- I live right in the
22 middle of all this and I've been supporting these

1 all along. I live at -- two doors down from
2 Front Page and never been a problem.

3 But I have spoken to the police this
4 morning and they are concerned that these seem to
5 be getting bigger. That as Clarendon has shut
6 down, Virginia doesn't want these. These are
7 becoming bigger and there is more of a concern
8 that something down the road could happen that
9 could be difficult.

10 And you know, I don't think anybody
11 wants to shut them down, but we want to make it,
12 as you do, easier for the police. And their
13 concern is with shift changes and things like
14 that, that there be a separation between the late
15 night crowd and the pub crawl crowd.

16 And the commander's preference is that
17 these things be ended at 10:00, so that it gives
18 them more flexibility with their deployment, that
19 they can make it orderly.

20 And, you know, I want you to know that
21 that is the discussion that we have had with the
22 police. And it's not necessarily that you are

1 running a bad show, but that we have to treat
2 everyone pretty much equally. And if we are
3 going to have an open and a close, it should be
4 the same for everybody or at least it should be
5 generally the way we do things. If you have any
6 response to that?

7 MR. LOPEZ: I mean, to address your
8 concerns about like Clarendon, for instance, they
9 didn't shut down.

10 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Please speak up.

11 MR. LOPEZ: They -- necessarily, they
12 didn't shut down events like that in Arlington.
13 What they asked is that we work closer with the
14 county and, obviously, the police department to
15 just make sure we have an organized event. We
16 still throw events in Arlington, but we just have
17 to work with them a lot closer.

18 You meet with the police department,
19 I would say, twice before each event just to make
20 sure we are all on the same page. Anywhere from
21 like, you know, the bars we are working with,
22 where are they going to set up the cop cars to

1 anywhere to how many tickets we have sold and all
2 that stuff. So I mean, we still work pretty well
3 in Arlington.

4 But to address your concern as far as
5 D.C. goes, I mean, if we end the specials at
6 10:00, it doesn't mean like all the participants
7 are going to say hey, it's 10:00, we are going
8 home now.

9 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Of course.

10 MR. LOPEZ: I mean, they are still
11 going to stay at the bars. That's just one of
12 the things that for us, it's just we want to
13 avoid confusion and say hey, we thought specials
14 were going to go until 11:00 instead of 10:00.
15 And like Mike said, we for the last two Cupid's
16 Bar Crawls, it has been 3:00 to 11:00 and we have
17 had no problems, no incidents. So that's the
18 reason we are here in front of you guys.

19 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

20 MEMBER SHORT: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, Mr. Short?

22 MEMBER SHORT: Speaking of the

1 Virginia issue and speaking of history, you
2 haven't had any problems in Virginia. Why do you
3 think that they are tightening up on the rules?

4 MR. BRAMSON: So there was -- prior to
5 when the pub crawl started in Virginia, there was
6 no regulations. So the police didn't know, they
7 didn't have, you know, a board meeting or
8 anything like that. And now so basically what
9 they did with the new law was that you have to
10 meet with the county board.

11 So you have to go into a room of 12
12 people all representing different parts of the
13 county, different alliances, the police, the
14 fire, EMT.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Good. Now, what
16 changes came about in the way you operated your
17 pub crawls before that hearing, the start of that
18 process, and now? What's the difference in
19 Virginia?

20 MR. BRAMSON: So for us, nothing has
21 changed, because we were the only company that
22 was meeting regularly with the police, because we

1 are used to this. So we knew that we had to meet
2 with them. We gave them basically a tailored
3 security plan. They never asked for it, but we
4 gave it to them anyway.

5 And as of right now, we are the only
6 pub crawls still happening. Other companies have
7 just kind of given up, are not doing it, so we
8 are the only ones still in contact with them.

9 MEMBER SHORT: That's a great answer.
10 And so you didn't have a problem with them
11 changing the rules kind of in the middle of the
12 stream?

13 MR. BRAMSON: No. I didn't have no
14 problem with it because we were already meeting
15 with them. We were already giving them
16 everything.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Great. Now, will you
18 have a problem if this Board decides that 10:00--
19 because maybe some concerns, from our community
20 and public safety, they have is the reason why
21 this Board might change its decision about the
22 later hours?

1 MR. BRAMSON: I mean, for the other
2 events, I agree. I mean, that's why moving
3 forward no other events that we have, because we
4 have a few new ones coming up this year that we
5 are going to keep at the time that we discussed
6 last time during -- in September. It's just we
7 were under the impression that we would be able
8 to keep the events that we had previously for
9 those times, which is only two events a year.

10 MEMBER SHORT: What gave you that
11 impression?

12 MR. BRAMSON: Basically, that we were
13 given permission for the Bright-N-Pint to
14 continue to 11:00 and from that --

15 MEMBER SHORT: Again, what gave you
16 that opinion that --

17 MR. BRAMSON: It was said on the -- it
18 was said that if that runs smoothly, that we
19 would be able to continue.

20 MEMBER SHORT: And that's I guess what
21 I'm trying to get, who said that?

22 MR. BRAMSON: I'm not sure. It was

1 just a discussion from --

2 MEMBER SHORT: That's your assumption?

3 MR. BRAMSON: Huh?

4 MEMBER SHORT: Kind of like an
5 assumption? You assumed?

6 MR. BRAMSON: It could have been an
7 assumption. I thought it was said among the
8 Board, but --

9 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Now, one last
10 question.

11 MR. BRAMSON: All right.

12 MEMBER SHORT: One hour between 10:00
13 and 11:00, how would that affect your profit?
14 Your bottom line.

15 MR. BRAMSON: I don't --

16 MR. LOPEZ: I wouldn't say it would
17 affect the profit. It would affect the guest
18 experience.

19 MR. BRAMSON: We have always -- I
20 mean, what our company is known for and why we
21 are still -- we have so many of these events is
22 that we are about not only working with the

1 county, but also working for our customers'
2 experience. I mean, working for the customers.

3 So our customer experience is huge for
4 us. So, you know, we don't -- well, I know what
5 is going to happen is if we go to 10:00 on this
6 event, people are going to start -- from 10:00 to
7 11:00, they are still going to assume they are
8 getting the specials. The bars are going to
9 start complaining and it's going to be, you know,
10 the bars maybe aren't going to start giving the
11 specials. I don't know exactly what is going to
12 happen, but I don't think -- by changing the time
13 right now, it's only going to cause confusion
14 among the guests. And they are going to still
15 ask for specials. They are not going to get it.
16 And then we are going to get -- first, I think
17 we're going to get bad reviews because of that.

18 MEMBER SHORT: Then let me ask you
19 this. Where do most of your clients who
20 participate in the bar crawl did you get them?
21 Would you say they are 50 percent Virginia, 50
22 percent D.C., 40 percent Maryland, 40 percent

1 Virginia?

2 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

3 MEMBER SHORT: How would you break
4 that down?

5 MR. LOPEZ: So for D.C. events, I
6 would say its about 30 percent Virginia. I would
7 say it's maybe like 25 percent Maryland and the
8 rest is D.C.

9 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. That's all I
10 have, Madam Chair. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Other
12 questions?

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: I have. Just real
14 quick?

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Sure. And then
16 we will go to Mr. Peru.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: What time does
18 registration end?

19 MR. LOPEZ: 6:00. 5:30. We -- on
20 paper we have 5:30, just so the participants know
21 to get there early, but we just stay open like an
22 extra hour just to accommodate everybody.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. So it's 6:00?

2 MR. LOPEZ: 6:00 would be like 3:00 to
3 6:00.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Is when registration
5 ends. Okay. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr. Peru,
7 do you have a comment on this, the times, whether
8 11:00 is, in your experience, okay for this
9 event?

10 INVESTIGATOR PERU: In reference to
11 the time, it's a Saturday night, so I think
12 whether it ends at 10:00 or 11:00, the same crowd
13 is going to make a choice to stay in that area
14 and hang out regardless. That's my opinion.

15 Whether it is 10:00, because like most
16 establishments and bars and clubs are opening at
17 10:00 or 11:00 typically, they are doing the
18 nightclub type environment anyway. That's when
19 we see the crowds picking up and a line starting
20 to happen.

21 So I think between 10:00 and 11:00,
22 I'm not sure if that would make a huge

1 difference. You know, I can't speak on the
2 police's behalf. I know they have a detail that
3 comes out there for that area.

4 I would like to address though two
5 things. One is I have worked with Mr. Bramson
6 before on other events and they have run
7 smoothly. Looking over this application though,
8 the only thing that stood out to me was in the
9 application the reference to establishments who
10 won't participate if they have more than two
11 primary tier violations.

12 I did look at everyone's history and
13 settlement agreements and they are clear on that
14 end. However, when I looked at the histories, I
15 just wanted to point out to the Board and make
16 them aware that, and make the applicants' aware
17 as well, four of the locations had sale to minors
18 just last year. And one had one in 2013. So
19 there is five locations that had sale to minors
20 within the last two years, four of them in the
21 last year. So --

22 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Cases?

1 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Excuse me, sir?

2 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Is that a single
3 case in the report? Single violations?

4 INVESTIGATOR PERU: In the last year,
5 yes, sir. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. So I looked at
6 that because a pub crawl and, you know, GW being
7 there and the students coming out and a lot of
8 fake IDs I've been catching lately and stuff like
9 that. So it's a concern for me, but, you know,
10 just ensure that they are doing those procedures
11 correctly so that doesn't happen.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Madam Chair, for the
13 record --

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you --

15 MEMBER SHORT: -- can he speak those?

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, I was just
17 going to ask if you want to just identify those?

18 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We will add them
20 for the record.

21 INVESTIGATOR PERU: I have The Front
22 Page was March 20, 2014.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

2 INVESTIGATOR PERU: The Huxley, which
3 was October 24, 2013. Public Bar, which was
4 March 24, 2014, Buffalo Billiards, which was July
5 18, 2014 and Dirty Bar, which was September 5,
6 2014.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So this
8 doesn't disqualify them from participating. Is
9 that right?

10 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Right.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But we want to
12 flag them.

13 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Correct, yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

15 INVESTIGATOR PERU: Absolutely.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.

17 Yes?

18 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I have a few
19 questions.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.
21 Rodriguez has a few questions.

22 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: So, gentlemen, this

1 is addressed to both of you. Fundamentally, can
2 you summarize for me what harm would you suffer
3 if we went to 10:00 instead of 11:00?

4 MR. BRAMSON: I mean, I think one of
5 the main ones would be the customers would suffer
6 and in turn we would. I think people would,
7 especially for this event, because it has had a
8 previous history, would complain.

9 I think they would be upset at the
10 bars, which I don't know if that is going to get
11 -- I mean, our thing is we never want to upset
12 customers when they are drinking for six, seven
13 hours, because that's when this would happen. I
14 mean, it's true. I mean, it --

15 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Sorry to hear that.

16 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, I mean --

17 (Laughter)

18 MR. BRAMSON: Believe me.

19 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Go ahead.

20 MR. BRAMSON: I mean, I think
21 incidents happened in Clarendon a lot of times
22 when we had gotten complaints. People been going

1 to bars when they are drinking too much and then
2 the bar runs out of its special, doesn't want to
3 serve the special or not even if they are not
4 drinking too much, just in general.

5 So we just want to avoid the hassles
6 of changing what the customers are perceiving to
7 be the time. You know, they have known for the
8 last three years pretty much these events what
9 times they end. They know this one and Bright-N-
10 Pint go longer than the other ones end at 9:00
11 and one ends at 10:00.

12 So I think the biggest problem will be
13 the customers. I mean, they are -- and we could
14 in turn lose those customers. They might not
15 want to come back to one of our events, go to
16 another event. I mean, there could be
17 repercussions that way as well.

18 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: So if the customer
19 has been there from 3:00 to 7:00 or 8:00, you
20 might want to have to lose those.

21 MR. BRAMSON: I agree.

22 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I don't know. If

1 somebody has had excessive exposure to liquor,
2 you know, maybe those are some of the customers
3 that might want to have to go home.

4 MR. BRAMSON: Sure. And I mean, we
5 have that in the security plan. We tell the
6 bars. I mean, they are very aware. They don't
7 want those customers there either, because they
8 have the new cliental coming in as well.

9 But there are customers that come at
10 6:00.

11 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Right.

12 MR. BRAMSON: Or they come at 6:30,
13 you know, that's when registration is about to
14 end. Those people that literally -- that's why
15 Alex said we extend the registration because
16 people are coming in and the last thing we want
17 is just hand your ticket in. We don't want to
18 give you your mug and wristband. So we always
19 stay a little bit extra to get those people. And
20 those people aren't drinking for the whole time.

21 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Well, we have an
22 interest in those customers. Maybe you have an

1 interest from the economic side. We have an
2 interest in terms of what could happen to those
3 customers if they are excessively drinking and
4 what could happen to the community at-large,
5 particularly when people are driving with
6 excessive drinking.

7 So our concern with your customers is,
8 you know, safety, public safety. And that is
9 something that we have to weigh and that is why
10 we are weighing this time factor and the
11 excessive exposure to the alcohol.

12 MR. BRAMSON: What we have realized
13 also when the events end later, like the Bright-
14 N-Pint and this one, customers come later as
15 well. They don't come as early, so they are not
16 drinking as long, because they are like let's
17 just have a couple, you know. They will come
18 later. They will drink. They will eat. They
19 will have dinner, because if it's around 6:00,
20 usually have dinner at 7:00 or 8:00.

21 I mean, Front Page gets packed for
22 dinner. Their whole dining room and that way

1 they kind of start off their night as opposed to
2 starting at 2:00, like we do for the other events
3 or 1:00 and they are staying all the way through.
4 So I mean, the other advantage is that they do
5 come later.

6 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you.

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: Another quick
8 question?

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Sure. Mr.
10 Alberti?

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: Just a quick
12 question. So the expectation that the customers
13 have for this event, is it because of tradition
14 or is it because you have already advertised or
15 is it both?

16 MR. BRAMSON: Both.

17 MR. LOPEZ: It's both, yes.

18 MR. BRAMSON: Tradition. But mostly
19 tradition.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mostly tradition.
21 Okay.

22 MR. BRAMSON: People don't even ask

1 that. People don't even look at the times. Now
2 for these events, they just know. We get a lot
3 of repeat customers.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: For your events or
5 for the Cupid's Bar Crawl?

6 MR. BRAMSON: Yes, I mean, like the
7 D.C. Santa Crawl, for example, they know it's an
8 early event and they come. And the lines start
9 an hour --

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay.

11 MR. BRAMSON: -- before.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: I gotcha.

13 MR. BRAMSON: Where these -- yes.

14 MEMBER ALBERTI: I get the picture.

15 MR. BRAMSON: Sorry.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: You answered my
17 question. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Other questions?
19 I don't know whether Board Members want to vote
20 on this now or talk about it, but I would at
21 least put out there that based on what Mr. Peru
22 said, that he hasn't seen a problem, and based on

1 their history, it seems to me that I don't know
2 that it would be a good idea to change the hour
3 this time. And if we wanted to change it, we
4 should give a lot more advance notice maybe.

5 And unfortunately, Commander Reese is
6 not here for us to ask him questions about this,
7 because I think that is what the elephant in the
8 room is. Like oh, if the Commander thinks that
9 it would be safer, then that's a really big
10 reason to do it, but we don't have him here
11 saying that.

12 So I guess that's where I am right
13 now. I think you are a very reputable group and
14 I think you make a good point about people's
15 expectations and getting mad and that's not -- we
16 don't want that to happen in the bars either.

17 But I don't know how other Board
18 Members feel about how they want to proceed.
19 Yes?

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, I agree with
21 Ms. Miller on this, but I'll go a little bit
22 farther. Part of my reason is that, I think she

1 actually alluded to this, the Board hasn't really
2 communicated to pub crawls' promoters what our
3 standards are.

4 And so I'm willing to give you this
5 one, but I will urge my fellow Board Members to
6 have a discussion and communicate with you and
7 your other promoters, pub crawl promoters as to
8 what our decision is. I think we need to -- you
9 know, we are just now realizing that we need to
10 set some standards.

11 You know, things evolve. We are
12 seeing a lot more pub crawls, so I think that's
13 where we are at, but I would approve this one.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Other comments?
15 And I would just second what Mr. Alberti said
16 about, you know, coming up with standards, but it
17 would be good also to get the input. You know,
18 we could do it case-by-case to a large extent,
19 but it would be good to get the input of all the
20 players, the police, the pub crawl organizers.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Good. I agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The community.

1 So all right. Anybody else have anything they
2 want to say?

3 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: I would just like
4 to correct the record. I spoke to Commander
5 Reese at 9:19 this morning, the phone call lasted
6 three minutes and 59 seconds. He did express his
7 specific preference for 10:00. And I do not have
8 a terrible problem with you guys going to 11:00,
9 but I think that we should put a -- I don't think
10 the people should be assuming anything after
11 10:00 from this moment on.

12 The safety of the people in our
13 community is paramount to anybody making a buck
14 or making customers happy. If they are going to
15 be angry about it, maybe they will be angry about
16 it because they had a little too much to drink.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any other
18 comments? All right. Then I'm going to call the
19 vote on approving the application. I move to --
20 did somebody -- I'm moving it. Anybody second
21 it? Anybody want to second it?

22 MEMBER ALBERTI: What, for approval?

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: For approval.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: I'll second it.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So Mr.

4 Alberti seconded the motion.

5 All those in favor say aye.

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Aye.

8 MEMBER BROOKS: Aye.

9 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Abstention.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All those

11 opposed?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Opposed.

13 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Opposed.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. It's not

15 clear to me. Why don't we take a roll call?

16 Mr. Brooks?

17 MEMBER BROOKS: I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Brooks is

19 yay. Mr. Alberti?

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: I agree to approve.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Rodriguez?

22 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Abstain.

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Abstains. Miller
2 approves.

3 Mr. Silverstein?

4 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Oppose.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Opposed. And Mr.
6 Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Oppose.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Opposed. Then
9 the vote is 3-2-1 to approve. Okay.

10 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Congratulations.

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, I will ask you
12 to -- you said 6:00. When do you want -- when
13 will you cut down registration? One of the
14 reasons -- one of the tipping points for me is
15 that you have an early cutoff for your
16 registration, so we don't have a whole lot of
17 late night partiers coming in.

18 So when will you cut it off?

19 MR. BRAMSON: Do you prefer -- 6:00 is
20 what we were planning, but if you prefer --

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: So you want to say
22 6:30, because you're going to get the stragglers?

1 MR. BRAMSON: Right, 6:30.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: All right. So we
3 will expect that you will cut this down by 6:30.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Is that
6 agreeable?

7 MR. BRAMSON: Yes.

8 MR. LOPEZ: Yes.

9 MR. BRAMSON: Definitely.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Great. Thank
11 you. Thanks.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Anything
13 else anybody wants to say? All right. So your
14 application is being signed-off. Right? So they
15 can go to the front desk then? Okay. All right.

16 MR. BRAMSON: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Good.
18 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Peru.

19 INVESTIGATOR PERU: You're welcome.

20 MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you guys.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All right.

22 MEMBER ALBERTI: I think that's it.

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CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

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